

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jennifer Nicole Gilliam,  
2003 Valedictorian of Portland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Gilliam is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jennifer has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her stellar academic achievements, Jennifer Gilliam has been a member of the Portland High School Student Council for four years, a class officer for two years, and a Peer Mediator for four years; and

WHEREAS, a multifaceted individual, she has been quite active in a number of organizations, including the Beta Club, which she also served as President; the National Council

for the Social Studies, which she served as Treasurer; the National Honor Society; the Future Business Leaders of America; the Math Team; and the Science Olympiad; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer has been honored with many different awards, including the Psychology/Sociology Departmental Award; the American Character and Citizenship Award; the National History and Government Award; and she was also named to the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, she has been further recognized as a National Youth Senate Contestant and a Toyota Scholars Nominee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an active member of her church youth group, Jennifer has served her community by initiating a book drive for preschools and daycare centers; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a technician at Fred's Pharmacy for two years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Wally and Michelle Gilliam, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Gilliam's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Portland High School Valedictorian, Jennifer Nicole Gilliam, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.